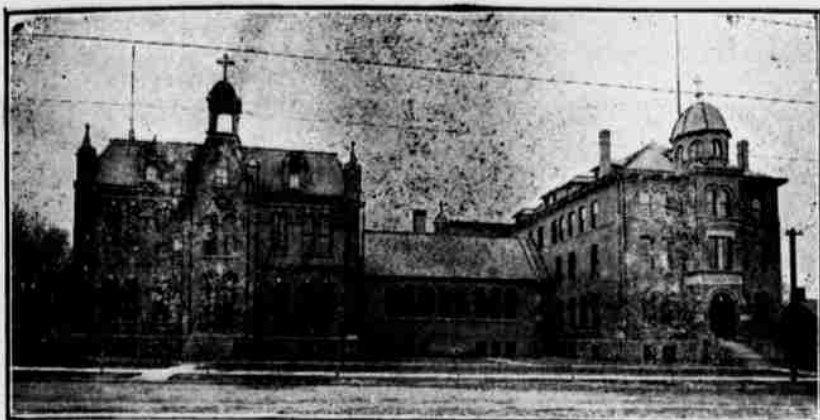


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Original of "Sindbad."

That oriental tale of Sindbad the sailor, is believed to owe a good deal to the legend of St. Brendan, the Irish saint. According to the legend, St. Brendan sailed the ocean for seven years in search of the island that had once been Adam's Eden. During that time he regularly visited the island of Sheep, where the sheep are as large as oxen; the island of Birds, that are really fallen angels, and another island, which is really a big fish named Jascon, trying to catch his tail into his mouth. St. Brendan used to encamp on the fish on Easter Monday. He found the Eden island at last, but no one has seen it since, though it appeared on seventeenth century maps and in an eighteenth century treaty between Spain and Portugal. Probably Irish monks took this legends with them to the east in the ninth century.

TO PRESERVE A HUSBAND.

Chicago Journal Gives Advice on Important Subject.

Select a nice, kind, amiable, industrious and generous man, and prepare him for the ordeal of making him go through a long engagement, which effectually renders him easy to handle. Gently detach him from all old friends and acquaintances and remove any bad habits he might have. To preserve, deprive him of his latchkey and throw a handful of mother-in-law in the house. Shred him of all of his finer feelings by nagging and pound them into a pulp by complaints. When he has simmered down put as much love into the heart as it will hold, add an ocean of sympathy, a word of tenderness, a pound of forbearance and a ton or so of patience.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Spider and the Fly.

"Well," said the spider to the fly who had accepted his invitation and walked into his parlor, "what do you think of it? Doesn't it remind you in some way of the old lines: 'Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive?'"—Detroit Tribune.

ORCHESTRAS OF THE PAST.

Leaders Had Many Tricks to Arouse Public Interest.

Louis A. Julien was the first conductor who played a large orchestra in New York. One of his pieces was a "Fireman's Quadrille," during the performance of which an alarm of fire was regularly sounded and a brigade of firemen appeared in the hall. Theodore Thomas was one of Julien's violinists for a time and this may help to explain why he himself, in 1867, when he gave his Terrace garden concerts in New York, once created a sensation by making the piccolo players climb up into the trees before the piece began.

On another occasion in the same place the tuba player had been behind the audience into the shrubbery. When he began to play the police mistook him for a practical joker who was disturbing the music and tried to arrest him.

"I shall never forget the comical scene," Thomas writes in his "Autobiography," "as the poor man fled toward the stage, pursued by the irate policeman, and trying to get in a note here and there as he ran."

OLD PRAYER A GOOD ONE.

Petition for Landlords Offered in England Many Years Ago.

In a prayer book of the time of King Edward VI. of England, appears the following prayer for landlords: "The earth is thine, O Lord, and all that is contained therein, notwithstanding thou hast given possession of it to the children of men, to pass over the time of their short pilgrimage in this vale of misery. We heartily pray thee to send thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of those that possess the grounds, pastures and dwelling places of the earth, that they, remembering themselves to be thy tenants, may not rack nor stretch out the rents of their houses and lands nor yet take unreasonable fines and incomes after the manner of covetous worldlings; but so let them out to others that the inhabitants thereof may both be able to pay the rents and also honestly to live and nourish their families and relieve the poor. Give them grace also to consider that they are but 'strangers and pilgrims in this world.'"

Titles Become Extinct.

No fewer than fifty-seven British peers have no heirs to succeed them. That number of titles is, therefore, likely to become extinct on the death of their present holders.

Elephant Robs Trainer.

An elephant, with a circus at Dundee, Scotland, put his trunk into the pocket of a farmer the other day, took out a bank note for £20 (\$100) and swallowed it.

At the Dime Museum.

Dog-Faced Boy—What's the matter with the glass eater?

Human Snake—He has a pane in his stomach.

Memorial to Ernst Abbe.

It is proposed to erect in Jena a memorial to Prof. Ernst Abbe, says Nature, so that all who see it may be reminded of his great services to optical science and industry and his sterling qualities as a man. Abbe's work and influence are appreciated wherever physical science and sociology are studied, and there should be no difficulty in obtaining sufficient funds to raise a noble monument to his memory.

Deceptive Lectures.

Do not place too much reliance on lectures, for a lecture is the most deceptive thing in the world, excepting a sermon.—Bishop of Carlisle.

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